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# LOUD AND PROUD

A 150th Anniversary Year to Remember



# A Year to be La Salle Proud

BY AMY ESSELMAN, '13

THIS YEAR WAS SWEET. NO, NOT JUST because the men's basketball team made it to the "Big Dance" and then all the way to the Sweet Sixteen, but also because La Salle celebrated its 150th anniversary, which set off a wave of excitement that made every student, alum, "Explorer enthusiast," and member of the La Salle community stand up and take notice.

It wasn't so much that this La Salle spirit was missing before, but this year, all of the amazing events, accomplishments, and celebrations we had to be proud of brought out the very best in everyone.

Starting the year off with a bang, more than 1,000 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends came together for our Lasallian Day of Service. Whether you were working locally at 20th and Olney, around Philadelphia, at a site in New Jersey, or at one of the alumni hubs across the country, everyone was excited. There was something so incredible about working together—as a school, as a community, and as fellow Explorers—that it's no wonder the year panned out the way it did. Everyone was already showing their pride, tweeting their La Salle love, and, of course, taking Flat Explorer everywhere they went.

But the fun didn't end there. From Homecoming festivities, the start of the basketball season, and ringing in the New Year, the campus was buzzing with anticipation for second semester and everything it would bring.

We came back, and the men's basketball team beat No. 9-ranked Butler. Students went wild. Then No. 19-ranked VCU. Students went nuts.

The wins kept coming and the La Salle spirit only continued to grow. Then in an unforgettable, but not unexpected, twist, we made it to the Big Dance, the NCAA Tournament.



I think it was then that we all learned the true meaning of La Salle Proud.

Win or lose, it didn't matter. We all started dancing—on campus, as we rushed empty courts and stormed the streets. And truthfully, even now, it's safe to say, we haven't stopped dancing.

It wasn't about winning—although every student will tell you, it certainly helped. It was bigger. This was about La Salle—our team, our students, our campus, and our spirit. Explorers—past, present, and future—were all a part of this amazing energy and enthusiasm. Students walked around with big smiles and wearing school colors. People complimented and cheered for anyone wearing La Salle gear. Thousands attended game watch parties to celebrate the Explorers.

The best part of the Sweet Sixteen run? The timing.

The NCAA games were perfectly aligned with the anniversary of our charter on March 20 and a handful of anniversary events and celebrations—not to mention a midnight countdown in the bitter cold when more than 900 students came out and formed the numbers 1-5-0 in McCarthy Stadium to mark the official anniversary. It was a moment captured in the news media, on our news feeds, and now forever in our La Salle history books.

When you look back on this year, there is so much to be proud of. But whether it's basketball, guest speakers like Ben Stein and Doris Kearns Goodwin, prestigious award-winners, fun events, or spirited students that you choose to remember, we can all agree that this year was unlike any other.

As a senior, it was bittersweet knowing that I would be graduating and leaving the place I've called home for four years. But the memories and energy that encompassed this year alone solidified for me, and I'm sure for many of my classmates, that even as we graduate and move on, we never really leave the Explorer family. Each year as the campus grows and adapts, as we graduate and continue to explore, we leave knowing that we've all helped to build a piece of history—just as the students who came before us did, and as will those who come after.

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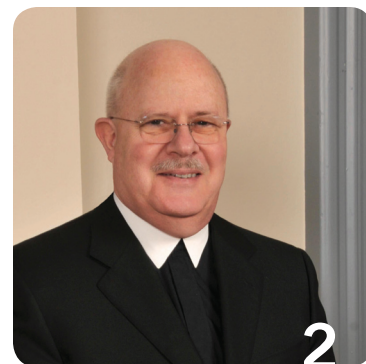
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*On the cover: Army Lt. Col. Doug LeVien, '94 (left), and Dan DeStefano, '93, suit up as the "Glitter Bros" to support the La Salle men's basketball team during its run to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament in March. See full story, page 8. Photo by Jae C. Hong, The Associated Press.*







# President Brother Michael McGinniss to Step Down

DEAR FRIENDS:

It has been a great honor to serve as President of La Salle University during the past 14 years. My years as President have been some of the most rewarding of my life. I am very proud of the initiatives completed during my tenure, which have benefitted our students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding community. With a strong foundation set for the future growth of the University, it is a good time to transition this work to a new President. So, after much discernment, I have decided to step down as President, effective May 31, 2014. A Presidential search committee commenced its work early in the summer.

I have spent a lot of time lately thinking about my time at La Salle. It has been gratifying to see such development in our academic offerings, in our campus, in our relationships with our local community, and, of course, in our students. In addition, it is comforting to know that no matter how much La Salle changes, it remains the same.

We continue to be inspired by St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers and the patron saint of teachers. We continue to be shaped by Catholic and Lasallian values. We remain dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, personal attention, a sense of community, and a global perspective. That is what La Salle has been and will continue to be all about.

I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work in partnership with a dedicated Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the Council of President's Associates, who have worked tirelessly to advance the mission of the University. They are vital to our success today and into the future.

My heartfelt admiration goes out to the faculty, staff, and my fellow Christian Brothers, who everyday maintain the Lasallian tradition of education by preparing our students for a lifetime of personal development, service, and success.

And, finally, I am blessed to have had the opportunity to lead and teach such remarkable young men and women over the years.

I have agreed to stay on as President until my current term ends May 31, 2014, and I will look forward to the next chapter, whatever that may be. I remain grateful for your kind and generous support and ask for your continued partnership as we work together to advance the mission of the University.



Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D.

## Brother Michael's Key Achievements

- Raised \$133 million for various facilities, programs, and other initiatives.
- Increased the University's endowment by 88 percent, from \$42 million to \$79.4 million.
- Increased undergraduate enrollment by 13 percent and graduate/doctorate enrollment by 24 percent.
- Significantly increased alumni involvement in the life of the University.
- Constructed \$26 million St. Basil Court residence hall and adjacent Treetops Café overlooking Fairmount Park.
- Expanded the physical footprint of the University with the acquisition of the former Germantown Hospital, taking the campus from 100 to 133 acres and creating a West Campus and a new, expanded space for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- Supported the economic viability of the surrounding community with the development of The Shoppes at La Salle, which includes the first supermarket in the neighborhood in 40 years.
- Expanded and completely renovated Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology.
- Received unique recognition for civic engagement both academically and through extracurricular activities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Finalized planning for the development of La Salle's new business school.
- Completed expansion of the Bucks County Center in Newtown, Pa.
- Opened the Montgomery County Center in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
- Enhanced academic programs that include the launch of:
  - Integrated Science, Business, and Technology Department
  - Business Scholars Co-op Program
  - Four-year BS/MBA program in Accounting
  - College of Professional and Continuing Studies
  - Expansion of the School of Nursing to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to include Nursing, Nutrition, Speech-Language-Hearing Science, and Public Health.
  - Doctoral programs in Theology and Nursing Practice



# LOUD AND PROUD

A 150th Anniversary Year to Remember

Of all of La Salle's remarkable 150 years, 2012–13 will go down in the history books as among the best. This was the year the University found even more reasons to celebrate—from an outpouring of goodwill to the community on the Lasallian Day of Service, to a string of celebrated guests passing through campus, to the men's basketball team's thrilling run to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament, to the midnight gathering of more than 900 students on a freezing McCarthy Field to celebrate La Salle's official birthday. This was the year that many more discovered what the La Salle community has known since 1863—that this is one special place. In this issue, explore what made this a great year at La Salle by checking out a collection of stories, photos, and messages shared through social media.

## Spirit Squares

*The sidewalk outside the Hayman Center became a bit more colorful this year, with the addition of eight painted "Spirit Squares" representing student organizations. Devised as a way to commemorate the sesquicentennial and led by Amy Esselman, '13, and Adam Muhlenhaupt, '13, of the Students' Government Association, the project celebrated the mission, commitment, and energy of the organizations that serve and unite the student body.*



## Celebrate #LaSalle150

On March 20, 2013, the official 150th anniversary of the granting of La Salle's charter in 1863, more than 800 La Salle students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends, and fans took to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and other social media to share their love for La Salle. Some tweets, marked with the Twitter logo, are shared throughout the section, along with other messages. See the full collection of photos, memories, and comments at [www.lasalle.edu/lasalle150](http://www.lasalle.edu/lasalle150).





## Light Up the Skyline

During Heritage Week, anyone driving near Center City Philadelphia couldn't miss the news of La Salle's anniversary—the PECO Building carried a congratulatory message visible from the city's major roadways.



**Cody Barr**  
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anyone else #lasalleproud  
of these massive  
strawberries  
at the birthday  
dinner? #lasalle150



## A Memorable Feast

Have chocolate-covered strawberries ever tasted so sweet? The University's annual Heritage Week Community Dinner, featuring faculty and staff "guest chefs" serving up delectable dishes, was another highlight of March 20.

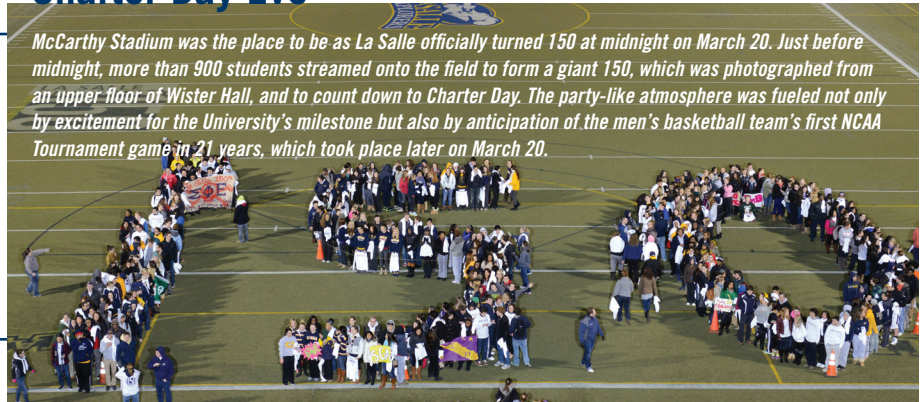


**Mike Brown**  
@only\_mikebrown

Making a giant 150 in McCarthy Stadium with everyone from La Salle??? Now thats #LaSalleProud #LaSalle150

## Charter Day Eve

McCarthy Stadium was the place to be as La Salle officially turned 150 at midnight on March 20. Just before midnight, more than 900 students streamed onto the field to form a giant 150, which was photographed from an upper floor of Wister Hall, and to count down to Charter Day. The party-like atmosphere was fueled not only by excitement for the University's milestone but also by anticipation of the men's basketball team's first NCAA Tournament game in 21 years, which took place later on March 20.



## A Historic Gathering

The Charter Dinner is an annual gala that celebrates La Salle's rich heritage and those who have shaped the University into the institution it is today. The event includes the presentation of the Leadership Award to those who have made outstanding contributions to business, civic, and religious life in Philadelphia. This year, Christian Brothers of La Salle University, in partnership with the award's past recipients, were added to that impressive list of honorees.



(Back row, from left) Br. Joseph Grabenstein, F.S.C., '73, Brother Kevin Stanton, F.S.C., '60, M.A. '61, Brother Francis Tri Nguyen, F.S.C., Brother Edward Koronkiewicz, F.S.C., '76, Brother Leonard Rhoades, F.S.C., '86, M.A. '93, Brother Brian Henderson, F.S.C., '81, M.A. '92, Brother Gerald Fitzgerald, F.S.C., '70, MBA '82, and Brother John McGoldrick, F.S.C., '71.

(Middle row, from left) Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., '64, Brother Timothy Froehlich, F.S.C., M.A. '90, Brother Edward Hofmann, F.S.C., '70, Brother John Kane, F.S.C., '80, M.A. '87, Brother Robert Kinzler, F.S.C., '77, Brother Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., '74, M.A. '83, Brother Dennis Lee, F.S.C., Brother John Crawford, F.S.C., '76, Brother James Gaffney, F.S.C., Brother Thomas Scanlan, F.S.C., and Brother David Rogers, F.S.C., '60.

(First row, from left) Brother Arthur Bangs, F.S.C., '53, Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., Brother James Butler, F.S.C., '82, Brother Gerard Molyneux, F.S.C., '58, Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., '70, Brother Robert Schieler, F.S.C., '72, Brother John McDonnell, F.S.C., '72, Brother Thomas McPhillips, F.S.C., '72, Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., '55, and Brother Joseph Burke, F.S.C., '68.



# March Madness Comes to La Salle



## First Round

Wednesday, March 20  
Dayton, Ohio

#13	La Salle	80
#13	Boise State	71

*La Salle's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992 also fell on two important anniversaries. On March 20, 1863, the University was granted its official charter, and on March 20, 1954, the Explorers defeated Bradley, 92-76, to win the NCAA Championship.*



This has all around been the best week ever #LaSalle150  
#LaSalleMBB #LaSalleProud

## Second Round

Friday, March 22  
Kansas City, Mo.

#13	La Salle	63
#4	Kansas State	61

*Jerrell Wright had 21 points and hit three foul shots in the final 30 seconds and Ramon Galloway added 19 to lead the Explorers to an upset win over No. 4-seeded Kansas State.*



## Third Round

Sunday, March 24  
Kansas City, Mo.

#13	La Salle	76
#12	Ole Miss	74

*Tyrone Garland's "Southwest Philly Floater" became an instant classic in the final seconds of La Salle's defeat of Ole Miss, launching the Explorers to the Sweet Sixteen.*



## Sweet Sixteen

Thursday, March 28  
Los Angeles, Calif.

#9	Wichita State	72
#13	La Salle	58

*With their signature grit, grace, and teamwork on display, the Explorers ended their run in the NCAA Tournament with a loss to Wichita State, a team that eventually advanced to the tournament's Final Four. Coach John Giannini, Ph.D., told the Philadelphia Daily News after the loss, "...the season's over, but the way we help each other is not over. The sense of family is not over."*







**Louis F. Caruso**  
@lf\_caruso

Typically I go to work in a suit. Today, I'm sporting my La Salle shirt. Unbelievable win last night! #Lasalleproud #Lasalle150



**Christine Diana**  
@xtineisanerd

My biggest problem right now is trying to figure out what t-shirt/hoodie to wear to show how #LaSalleproud I am. #LaSalle150



## Explorers Making Headlines

Below are excerpts from feature stories written about La Salle basketball and its legends.

*The New York Times*, March 27, 2013

"For La Salle, a Calming Influence at the End of the Bench," by Tim Rohan

*The New York Times* profiled Brother Ed Sheehy, F.S.C., Ph.D., '68, associate professor of history and moderator of the men's basketball team for 21 seasons, describing his role as a mentor and prayer-leader for the team.

"When the prayer is completed and the players head for warm-ups, Brother Ed spends 10 minutes alone in the locker room with Coach John Giannini. Brother Ed asks about Giannini's daughters and his cat, Sherlock. And Giannini asks about Brother Ed's classes and school. They talk about everything except basketball.

"He calms me down all the time," said the fiery Giannini, who is in his ninth season at La Salle. "He helps keep me in the right mind-set. I really think he helps me be a better coach."

"As they leave the locker room, Brother Ed always tells Giannini: 'Keep calm, stay positive, and we'll win.'"

*Wall Street Journal*, March 26, 2013

"Why La Salle Basketball Matters," by Mike Sielski

*Sielski, who graduated from La Salle in 1995 and is now a sportswriter for the Wall Street Journal, reflected on the integral role Tom Gola played in La Salle's rich basketball history.*

"I last visited with [Gola] in November 2004, 16 months after he had fallen outside a restaurant and cracked his skull and slipped into a coma, five months after a stroke had slurred his speech and forced him to walk with a cane. He is 80 now, living in a nursing home in Philadelphia, and just last week, as this La Salle team was knocking off Boise State and upsetting Kansas State and beating Ole Miss in the final seconds, Jim Nantz and Marv Albert kept mentioning Tom Gola again and again, talking about who he was and why he mattered. Some things are worth remembering."



## In Good Company

Explorer Pride swept the country this spring, and alumni and Explorer fans new and old turned out in droves to cheer together as the team won game after game in the NCAA Tournament. Attendance at pre-game receptions in each of the cities where the Explorers played reached 425, while gatherings at Philadelphia bars and restaurants attracted a total of more than 2,500 alumni, friends, and fans. Elsewhere, from the Delaware Valley to Chicago to New York to California, more than 1,200 fans packed official La Salle watch parties.





(Left, back row, from left) Mike DeFlavia, '96, and A.J. Tilson, '93. (Front row, from left) Kevin Rodowicz, '92, Joe Hohenleitner, '93, Doug LeVien, '94, Dan DeStefano, '93, and Tim Tilson, '94.; (Above, from left) Tim Tilson, '94, A.J. Tilson, '93, Dan DeStefano, '93, Joe Hohenleitner, '93, and Kevin Rodowicz, '92.

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If only there was a volume level of 150 for my TV tonight  
#lasallembb #lasalle150

## All that Glitters is Blue and Gold

BY AMANDA KOEHLER, '07

ARMY LT. COL. DOUG LEVIEN, '94, WAS on a mission. He was scouring party stores in the Virginia and Washington, D.C., areas. He rounded up a blue wig, some blue and gold face paint, a sequined gold jacket, John Lennon-esque glasses, and a pair of size 14 platform shoes. And a "Glitter Bro" was born.

LeVien had made a promise with his fellow La Salle graduates and former townhouse-mates, Joe Hohenleitner and Dan DeStefano, both of the Class of 1993. The friends had traveled with other classmates and Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers (and, in DeStefano's case, his fellow La Salle band members) to Greensboro, N.C., back in 1992 when the La Salle men's basketball team last played in the NCAA Tournament against Seton Hall.

"We said we'd all go together when the team got into the tournament again," DeStefano said.

And when La Salle, a No. 13 seed, "went dancing" in the 2013 NCAA Tournament, the three men were more than excited to travel together again and watch their beloved *alma mater* duke it out on the court.

For the first-round game against Boise State, LeVien and Hohenleitner made plans to travel to Dayton, Ohio. But not before LeVien made his party store excursion—and alerted Hohenleitner of his outfit, which also consisted of a blue and gold striped tie, blue gloves, blue and gold socks, his military pants, and a Brooks Brothers shirt.

"Dressing up was entirely Doug's idea," said Hohenleitner, who works in finance and lives in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. "He warned me that I'd better find something to wear or I'd look stupid. And I'm not the type of person who wants

attention. Doug just goes nuts at these things. But I thought, 'I gotta support him. He can't be dressed up alone.'" So Hohenleitner, a La Salle men's basketball season ticket holder since the 1989–90 season, brought a yellow wig to the Dayton game. "It was kinda fun; we got our picture taken," he said. "And each game, I got a little more into dressing up."

That Wednesday night, March 20, the team beat Boise State, and "Joe and I were so thrilled," LeVien said. "There have been very few times in my life when I couldn't sleep, but that night was one of them."

Before the second-round game against Kansas State two days later,



Dan DeStefano, '89, with his children, (from left) Zach, Joshua, and Caitlin.





Joe Hohenleitner, '93, and his wife, Sue, '92, with their children, (from left) Jane, George, and John, at the Grand Canyon.

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Now that's the way to end a birthday! Never been prouder to be an Explorer! #lasalle150 #LaSalleMBB #LaSalleProud #beatkstate

people were taking notice of the Glitter Bros, who received their name from a blog that had posted a photo of LeVien. The name caught on, and DeStefano knew what he was getting himself into before he joined his friends in Kansas City, Mo.

"I had no problem with getting dressed up," said DeStefano, an Exton, Pa., resident who is a director at Shire Pharmaceuticals. "The reception we got



Army Lt. Col. Doug LeVien, '94

in Kansas City was great. As soon as we walked into the stadium, we got attention. People were coming up to take pictures with us—and these people weren't even La Salle fans. People were saying we were what March Madness was all about."

The attention didn't stop after the Kansas State game was over. Soon, the trio found photos of themselves popping up in newspapers all over the country. The morning after the Kansas City game, DeStefano had to fly home to coach a soccer game. While at the airport, he picked up the *Chester County Press* and was surprised to find a photo of him and LeVien in a corner of the front page.

LeVien and Hohenleitner stayed in Kansas City for the third-round game against Ole Miss. Tim Tilson, '94, joined them. DeStefano met back up with the group in Los Angeles for the Explorers' Sweet Sixteen game against Wichita State. For that last game, the brotherhood expanded even more—three more La Salle alums, Mike DeFlavia, '96, Kevin Rodowicz, '92, and A.J. Tilson, '93, joined the

Glitter Bros in blue and gold garb and face paint.

Though La Salle's run in the tournament ended after that Sweet Sixteen game, the Glitter Bros' love for the Explorers didn't. Nor did the public's love for the Glitter Bros. DeStefano found himself the focus of an article for his company's newsletter, and his wife fielded phone calls about him being on TV during the games.

Hohenleitner, who started a new job a little over a week after La Salle's final game, confessed to the human resources rep at his new company after she mentioned La Salle's run in the tournament that, yes, he was one of Glitter Bros she recalled seeing while watching the basketball games.

But all along, the Glitter Bros weren't seeking attention. They were dressing

over the top to represent their school and psych up their team and its fans.

"I remembered that road trip to Greensboro in 1992 and what a group of fans of 20 or so can do to really be there to support the team and turn the tide of the game," LeVien said. LeVien was happy to have been along for the ride—and was glad it happened in 2013, the first year in a long time he could have made it to the games. "Many Marches, I've been in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Korea, and I couldn't have gone, period. I knew if I was not there, I would have wanted guys to do what the Glitter Bros did—going nuts for our school and for our team," he said.

## Part of the Action



Like any journalists, student staff members from La Salle TV and The Collegian didn't want to be thousands of miles away when their beloved Explorers arrived at the NCAA Tournament. Raising nearly \$8,500 through *gofundme.com*, the students were able to travel to Dayton, Kansas City, and Los Angeles to cover all of the action. "I had the opportunity to sit courtside and chronicle the best year of Explorer basketball in more than two decades," said Andrew Albert, '15. "The generosity and the compassion of Lasallians across the country supporting my trip have inspired me to carry on the La Salle tradition." (From left) Mike McCoy, '13, Albert, Rachel Finkbeiner, '14, John Gonzalez, '99, columnist for *CSNPhilly.com*, and Dave Gryzbowski, '13.



## Celebrating the Class of 2013



**"I know what your degree can do for you. As I said, it can open many doors. But they will not open on their own. You must take the initiative, just as you have by getting your degree, and knock on several doors before one opens. Sometimes you may need to knock down the door! But doors will open if you put yourself out there. You are prepared with the knowledge and skill to move forward and make an impact."**

*—James Ballinghoff, R.N., NEA-BC, '03, MSN/MBA '06, Interim Chief Nursing Officer and Associate Executive Director at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia, addressed the graduates at the Graduate Commencement ceremony.*



**"As we embark on new professional opportunities or continuing studies with our graduate degrees, we must embrace the Lasallian virtue of zeal in our everyday lives. Zeal is passion, and zeal is similar to a lamp. It not only radiates light, it also radiates warmth. Zeal is an attitude—and attitudes are very contagious. Sharing your passion for your work will inspire others, and they then also can make a difference. The difference between good and great people is zeal; great people approach their lives and professions with zeal. They have a passion for what they love to do, and they do it."**

*—Bill Hash, an MBA graduate, was selected as the Commencement speaker for the graduate ceremony. Hash, who graduated with his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2007, is slot operations manager at Caesars Atlantic City.*



**"We all faced hardships, but we were able to reach this great milestone together. And now, here we are once again—together. I hope that each of you is able to take away the most from your experience at La Salle University; to take away the Lasallian philosophies of learning, involvement, community, and building strong relationships. I hope that the next step in your journey will bring you new inspirations, achievements, and luck in every path, step, and dream you pursue. Furthermore, I have faith that you will all continue to live the promise that John Baptist de La Salle established many years ago; after all, we are La Salle."**

*—Marcelina Hollender, a graduate of the four-year BS/MBA program in accounting, delivered the student address at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony. Hollender will begin work in the Disney Company's Accounting Rotation Program in January 2014.*



## Honoring Those Who Carry on the Lasallian Legacy

Three Catholic educators who have started or operated schools that offer hope, support, and opportunities for their students in the Lasallian tradition were awarded honorary degrees at Commencement: (Above, from left) Brother Lawrence Goyette, F.S.C., founder of the San Miguel School in Providence, R.I., an inner-city middle school that has become a model for other schools across the nation; Brother Brian Carty, F.S.C., founder and President of De La Salle Academy, a private, independent middle school in New York City for economically disadvantaged but academically gifted students; and Sister Jeanne McGowan, S.S.J., President of La Salle Academy in North Philadelphia, a school for students in grades 3 through 8 whose families would not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.

"Each of those being honored has demonstrated the ability to put into practice the philosophy of St. John Baptist de La Salle, our namesake and the patron saint of teachers," said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70. "As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding, it is fitting we honor those who have contributed to the mission of St. La Salle by continuing his legacy."

## Embracing a Change in Careers

Choosing a major as an undergraduate can be difficult, and oftentimes students change their minds about their chosen paths. For Janice Gordon and Matt Sayers—both of whom graduated from La Salle’s Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program in May—that change came after entering the field in which they had studied as undergraduates.



Gordon graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She then worked as a research associate for the Selective Mutism Research Institute in Jenkintown, Pa., where she met Evelyn Klein, Ph.D., a professor in the Speech-Language Pathology program at La Salle. She was so inspired by Klein that she decided she wanted to be a part La Salle’s program.

Sayers’ background and transition into speech-language pathology was a little more complicated. He worked in emergency assistance, mainly coordinating insurance payments for people who were injured traveling abroad, before eventually moving on to the qualified plans department at Vanguard.

Sayers had an interest in the cognitive aspect of language and vocal anatomy, but he always thought speech-language pathology meant working in schools with children. He later discovered the medical aspect of speech pathology, like working with stroke patients and those with swallowing disorders and head injuries.

“I really like how there’s an engineering aspect to voice and swallowing,” he said. “If you know how the system works, you can look at a disorder and see how to fix it.”

While Sayers’ interest focuses on the hospital and medical side of speech pathology, Gordon’s passion is working with children. La Salle’s program allowed them to get a taste of both fields, as it required time working in schools as well as a hospital rotation.

—Olivia Biagi, '11

## Keeping Her Eye on the Prize

Christina Valente does not describe herself as a typical college student. Dedicated to making her marketing career a success, Valente had no problems putting her social life on hold to spend time studying and does not hesitate to say that her hard work has definitely paid off.

Graduating with a job at Burlington Coat Factory as an assistant buyer waiting for her, Valente is ready to hit the real world.

“I feel like I have all of the knowledge I could possibly need to have a job in marketing,” Valente said. “La Salle has prepared me.”

Valente completed two internships, one at Thomson Reuters and another at Subaru of America. During her year-long internship at Subaru, Valente managed metrics and analytics for all e-mail campaigns and took part in developing a high-loyalty customer program.

“There were a lot of things I created and managed on my own,” Valente said. “I always felt like an employee there, not just an intern.”

—Ashley Kuhn, '14

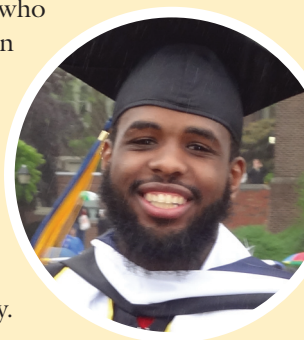


**Tim Tobin**  
@TimTobin43

Dear LaSalle Grad - your education is excellent. The future is yours. Become the go-to person. Tim '65 #LaSalle2013

## A Successful Homecoming

Ramon Galloway was only at La Salle for two years, having transferred from the University of South Carolina, but he certainly made his mark as an Explorer. Galloway, who grew up in Germantown and whose jersey number, 55, paid tribute to the address of his childhood home, saw transferring back to La Salle as a homecoming to his city and his family.



His spectacular play as a member of the men’s basketball team, which made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen in the 2013 NCAA Tournament, helped to turn all eyes to La Salle during March Madness.

Galloway, who averaged a team-leading 17.2 points per game in the 2012–13 season, was named to the All-Big 5 first team, appeared in the NCAA Slam Dunk Contest at this year’s Final Four, and graduated in May with a degree in criminal justice.

Galloway was among nearly 90 student-athletes who collected their diplomas this year. Six student-athletes were honored as the top students in their academic departments, and seven were named Academic or Scholar All-Americans this year. The Explorers’ graduation success rate is higher than the NCAA Division I national average.





## Class of 2013: By the Numbers

**DEGREES AWARDED: 1,577**  
**CERTIFICATES AWARDED: 97**

- Doctoral: 14
- Master's: 588
- Bachelor's: 928
- Associate's: 47

States represented: 29

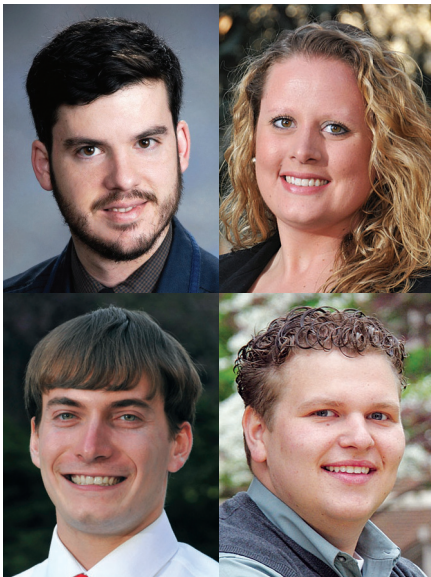
Countries represented: 23

*(Statistics include graduates from August/September, January, and May for 2012–13)*



## Teaching Excellence

*Described by those who nominated him as “an amazing teacher who strives for you to become the best student you can be through hard work and his passion for teaching” and “a master teacher who embodies what it means to be a Lasallian educator,” Thomas Blum, Ph.D., '85, was honored with this year's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Blum, who has taught in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department for 25 years, said that what he likes about teaching is “getting students interested in the material and seeing them understand the material.”*



## A Fulbright Future

*Before this year, La Salle had already graduated more than 60 students who went on to be Fulbright Scholars. This spring, however, that number jumped by four, as two 2013 graduates and two recent graduates earned Fulbright Scholarships.*

*(Clockwise, from top left) Kevin Smith, '12, will do literary research and teach English in Austria; Theresa Glinski, '13, will teach English in Slovakia; Michal Wilczewski, '09, a Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will conduct research in Poland for his dissertation; and Thomas Shattuck, '13, will teach English in Taiwan.*



**Wearing blue & gold to work 2day. I wouldn't have this job if it weren't 4 the awesome education & opportunities at @LaSalleUniv #LaSalle150**

## Cannes Do!



The short film *Empty Pages*, written, produced, and directed by five 2013 La Salle communication graduates, (above, from left) Andrew Groy, Dave Gryzbowski, Mike McCoy, Sean Gubitosi, and Catherine Zini (not pictured), was screened at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Last year, the film was the Best Story Award winner at Campus MovieFest, the world's largest student film festival. *Empty Pages* was one of only 23 films selected by Campus MovieFest to be screened at the Cannes Short Film Corner.

“It's an incredible feeling that a short film made by students here at La Salle had the chance to be showcased at one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world,” McCoy said.





## Distinguished Nurses

(From left) Anne McGrorty, Lori Dwyer, and Patricia Sorrentino have become the first graduates of La Salle's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The program prepares advanced practice registered nurses, including nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, and nurse anesthetists, for clinical and leadership positions in various health-care and community settings.

## Experience Commencement 2013



Check out a video, produced by La Salle's Office of University Marketing and Communication, to relive the joy, pride, and emotion of Commencement at La Salle. To view the video, scan the QR code using an app on your smartphone, or go to [www.lasalle.edu/classof2013/video](http://www.lasalle.edu/classof2013/video).

## 'Living the Promise'

It's not too late to receive your copy of *Living the Promise: A History of La Salle University*, by John P. Rossi, Ph.D., '58, professor *emeritus* of history, with a minimum gift of \$75 to The La Salle Fund. Visit [www.lasalle.edu/150/#book](http://www.lasalle.edu/150/#book) or call 215.951.1817 to make a gift. The book will be mailed to you, and \$40 will be tax deductible. This offer is valid while supplies last.

## Flat Explorer Travels On

In the last year, Flat Explorer has been to every continent except Antarctica (any volunteers?) and dozens of states. He's not tired yet! Download your own Flat Explorer at [www.lasalle.edu/150/#flat](http://www.lasalle.edu/150/#flat), snap some photos, and then come back to the site to share your adventures.



## A Proud Legacy

Members of one family present for this year's Commencement not only have a longstanding La Salle tradition—but they also have a tendency to time their graduations with La Salle's milestones! Zenobius Semkiw, '63 (right), graduated during La Salle's centennial year; George Kowal, '88 (left), collected his degree the year that La Salle turned 125 years old; and Leslie Kowal, '13, became an alumna during the sesquicentennial celebration.



## Golden Explorers

The Class of 1963 reunited on campus in May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They attended a Phillies game, toured campus, enjoyed a reception with President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, celebrated with a class dinner, and had the honor of leading the procession of graduates into Tom Gola Arena for Baccalaureate Mass. (Above) Matthew Wachowski, '63 (left), and Harry Hoffmeister, '63, reconnect during the class dinner.



## Bringing History to Life

Doris Kearns Goodwin, world-renowned historian and bestselling author of books on Lyndon B. Johnson, the Kennedy family, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, and baseball, spoke to an audience of 2,200 at La Salle during Heritage Week. Goodwin's hour-long talk focused on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, and she related a tale from Lincoln's stop in Philadelphia on his way to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration:

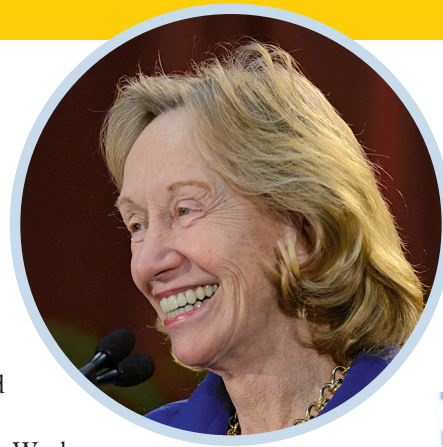
"As Lincoln stood up to speak at Independence Hall, he was almost overwhelmed by the emotions of speaking in the very place where the Declaration of Independence had been adopted. He said he never had a political feeling that night that did not spring from the principles of the Declaration, the idea that our new nation promised hope to the world, giving the promise that all should have an equal chance, that artificial weight should be lifted from the shoulders of all men."



**Mike Smith**

@DrMikeSmithPR

It was 20 years ago yesterday that I interviewed at La Salle. Blessed to have been invited to stay. #LaSalle150



**Mary Catherine**  
@\_extraordiMARY

So happy 150, @LaSalleUniv & thank you for giving me a home, a 2nd family, & the smarts to be where I am now. #lasalle150 #LaSalleProud



*Other prominent guests this year included (from left) Ben Stein, an actor, columnist, and political and economic analyst, who was the featured speaker at this year's Economic Outlook event; Archbishop of Philadelphia Charles Chaput, who was awarded an honorary degree at the fall's Honors Convocation; and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who welcomed La Salle's freshman class and presented a proclamation from the city in honor of La Salle's sesquicentennial at August's Opening Convocation.*



## Insight into Autism

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., autism activist and animal scientist, provided insight into her remarkable mind as the keynote speaker at the 7th Annual Autism Conference, "Building Bridges Across Generations: Evolving Insights on Autism," sponsored by the La Salle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Education Resource (LADDER) Family Center and Green Tree School. Grandin, whose life was the subject of the award-winning 2010 HBO film *Temple Grandin* and who was listed in the *Time* 100 list of the most influential people in the world, and her mother, Eustacia Cutler, inspired the audience with stories of their work as advocates for people with autism and other developmental disabilities. (From left) Carole Patrylo, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, Grandin, and La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70.





## Continuing a Legacy

*Brother Gerry Molyneux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, has touched the lives of countless students over his 40 years at La Salle, and this year, a group of loyal alumni said "Thank you" in a big way. Led by members of the Sigma Phi Lambda fraternity, for which Br. Gerry has been moderator for 36 years, and communication alumni, \$500,000 was raised to establish the Brother Gerry Molyneux Endowed Professorship. (From left) La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, Mike Diccicco, '71, Br. Gerry, and Jerry Lezynski, '82, at the celebration of the professorship, which will enable communication faculty and students to pursue professional development opportunities.*

*"In the past three years at La Salle I've had the amazing opportunity to meet and make friends with La Salle students from all over the world—students who go to Lasallian schools on four continents and in over ten countries. I've even gotten to visit St. Jean Baptist de La Salle's house with some of them. But I've never felt more Lasallian love and spirit than I do at La Salle University today, and I'm so happy to be living the promise with everyone here. Happy 150, La Salle Philly!"*

*Kerrin Garripoli*

*"La Salle University has changed so many lives for the better! God Bless the Lasallian Family."*

*Jack Reardon, '59, professor emeritus of accounting*

## An Honored Professor

Jim Butler, Ph.D., '67, and the Honors Program have been tied together for nearly all of the program's 50-year history. Butler was one of the program's first students, and, as an English professor, he has taught Honors courses since 1970. For his longstanding commitment to the University and its students, Butler was honored with the inaugural John P. Grady Award for Teaching Excellence at the program's 50th anniversary celebration this spring. (From left) Honors Program Director Richard Nigro, Ph.D., Hanna Beck, '14, Butler, Provost Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83, and Thomas Keagy, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.







## Fallen, But No Longer Forgotten

BY MARYELLEN BRENNAN, '13

WHILE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S STUDENTS MAKE THEIR WAY from class to class, a stone structure fenced off by a small black, cast-iron fence on the quad often goes unnoticed. This humble mini-landmark memorializes the 31 La Salle students and alumni who lost their lives serving in World War II.

Ensign John J. Brennan, '40, a 21-year-old graduate from West Philadelphia, was the first of those men to perish. When the freighter he commanded was struck by a German U-boat on April 3, 1942, Brennan became the cornerstone of La Salle's wartime history. In addition to having a destroyer named after him, Brennan was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Brennan's death arrived like a scream at La Salle, but it quickly faded into a whisper. Seventy years later, Brennan's name is largely unknown.

Robert Palma, who teaches biology at La Salle and is researching a book about La Salle's World War II casualties, said his research of Brennan has been difficult at times. Aside from working as photo editor on the first edition of the *Explorer* yearbook in 1940 and on the dance committee, Brennan was not a huge presence on campus. "A 'Collegian' article published shortly after his death says that he was modest, sincere, and reserved," Palma said.

According to the 1940 Census, Brennan was the son of a streetcar operator and a housewife, the oldest of four

### ALUMNI MEMORIAL TO THE HEROIC SONS OF LA SALLE COLLEGE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II 1941 - 1945

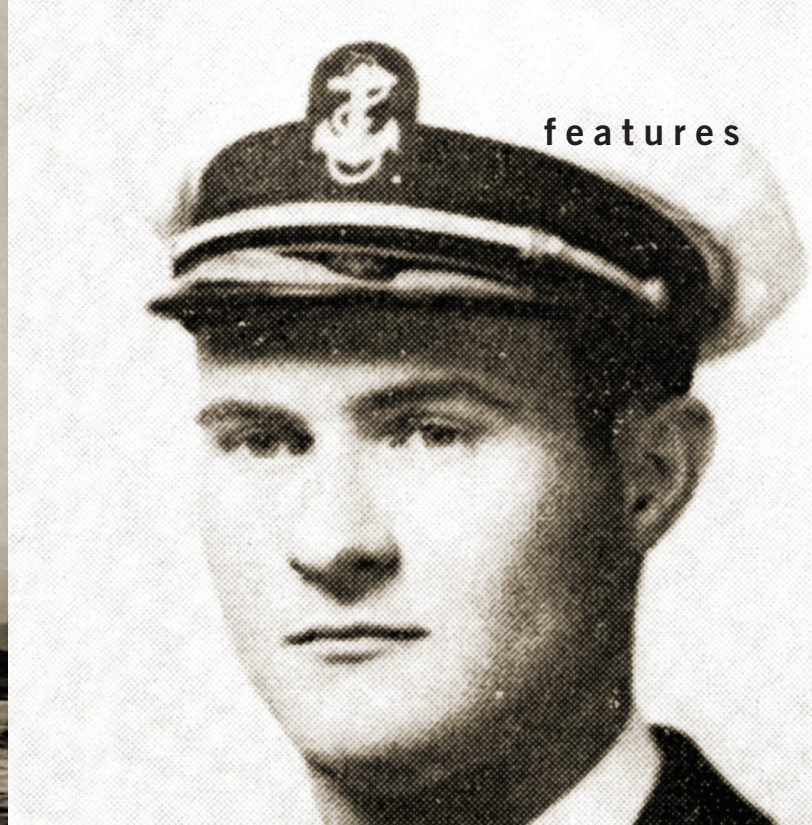
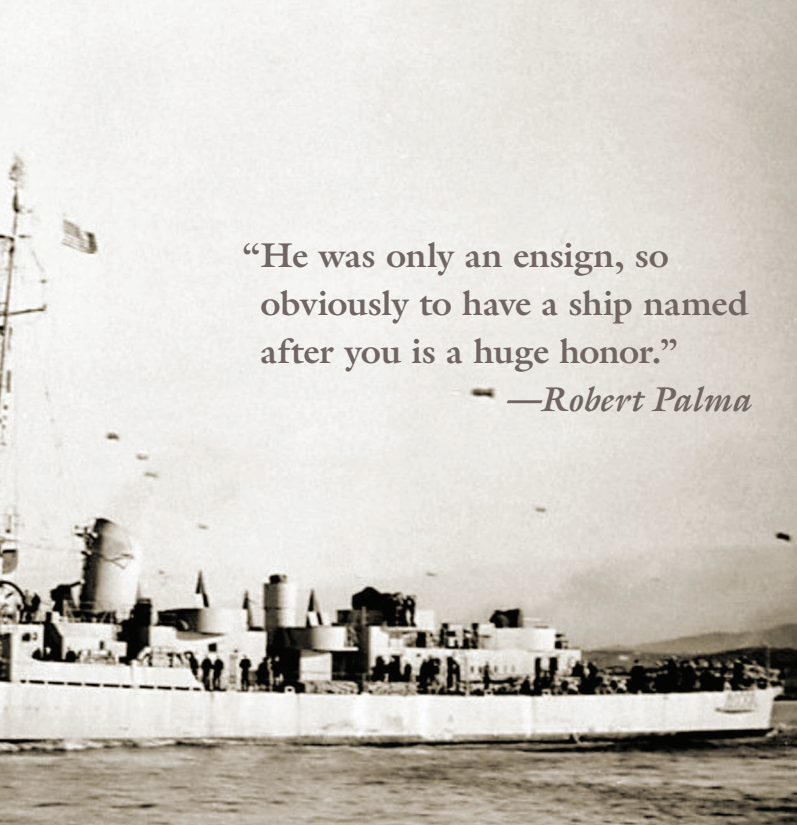
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THEIR NAMES BE INSCRIBED ON  
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS FOREVER



“He was only an ensign, so obviously to have a ship named after you is a huge honor.”

—Robert Palma



(Photos, from left) The World War II memorial on La Salle's quad, the USS Brennan (U.S. Navy photo from [navsource.org](http://navsource.org)), and Ensign John J. Brennan, '40 (photo from *The Collegian*, April 17, 1942).

children. He graduated from West Catholic High School for Boys in 1936 before matriculating to La Salle College. Brennan graduated from La Salle in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in accountancy. A *Collegian* article about him published after his death reported that few knew Brennan well, and that he would not bask in the spotlight for his heroism if given the opportunity.

Brennan's death was front-page news in the same issue of the school paper. His whereabouts were uncertain in the last few months of his life, but his untimely passing solidified the frightening reality of war for La Salle's student population at the time.

A manuscript by Thomas J. Ryan, a fellow 1940 graduate and Brennan's best friend since childhood, portrays a much lighter picture of Brennan than *The Collegian*. Frequent letters between the two show they shared laughs over La Salle memories and discussed adventures Brennan was having in his travels. In one letter, Ryan's fiancée, Margie, described some of his tales as “sounding out of an Ingrid Bergman movie.”

Until that fateful day in April 1942, Brennan planned on meeting with Ryan when his freighter arrived in Philadelphia and serve as best man in his wedding. That day never came.

“From what I've read, (Brennan) was the first to die,” Palma said. “His job was to protect the freighter and the crew as they were abandoning.”

Naval tradition dictates that ships are named for distinguished naval officers and enlisted men. Brennan's heroic, albeit brief, career with the Navy was immortalized in January 1943, when the USS Brennan, a destroyer, was named in his honor. This, too, was front page news for *The Collegian*. “They were building a lot of ships at the time, but he was only an ensign, so obviously to have a ship named after you is a huge honor,” Palma said.

Despite Brennan's accolades, many students are unaware of the impact World War II had on the University, or that a memorial honoring those La Salle alums is in the heart of their own campus.

“The Second World War had a large effect on the University,” said Brother Ed Sheehy, F.S.C., Ph.D., '68, an associate professor of history at La Salle. “People going away to war cut our enrollment very significantly, and then at the end of the war, the return of GIs in many ways saved the University and allowed it to grow.”

Br. Ed, a self-proclaimed “Navy brat,” spent much of his childhood relocating to naval bases across the country as his father, a lieutenant commander, received new orders from the Navy. He said that students should be proud of the men who fought and try to learn more about them. “The farther you get away from an event, sometimes its importance doesn't seem to be as much,” Br. Ed said.





## WHY I GIVE BACK: GUS CHIALASTRI, DDS, '44

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

GUS CHIALASTRI, DDS, '44, READILY admits that he hasn't taken much seriously in his 90 years. You wouldn't know it by his quite serious passion for basketball.

"I reserve the word 'love' for very few things, and I love the game of basketball," Chialastri said.

Fortunately for La Salle, the Explorers are Chialastri's team of choice, and he and his wife, Dorothy, have rarely missed a game since the early 1950s, when they walked to home games from his dental office.

Chialastri's connection to La Salle basketball began in 1943, when he was taking courses to earn the required credits to enroll in dental school. He was recruited to play on the basketball team at a time when players were in short supply because of World War II. But that experience—and his education—stuck with him.

"I thought the Brothers were fantastic," he said. "They made me feel like they wanted me to succeed before I even got into the classroom. I owe it all to La Salle."

After graduating from Temple's School of Dentistry in 1949, Chialastri opened his dental practice at Chew and Cheltenham avenues, close to La Salle's campus. He later became Director of the Department of Dentistry at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, a position he held

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**—Gus Chialastri, DDS, '44**

for nearly 50 years. Although he has stepped down as Director of the department, he remains on staff full time and arrives at the hospital by 7 a.m. nearly every day.

"I'm 90 in years, 50 in physical health, and 19 in spirit," Chialastri said.



Chialastri was at one time the basketball team's official dentist, and he was also a founding member of the Explorer Club, the booster organization for La Salle Athletics.

This year, the Explorer men's basketball team's big success in the NCAA Tournament coincided with another milestone—Chialastri's 90th birthday. His family, which includes four children and seven grandchildren, threw him a big party at a restaurant near his home in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and decked it out with an Explorer theme. Instead of gifts, guests were encouraged to donate to the Explorer Fund for men's basketball.

It's a good thing the Explorers weren't playing that day—Chialastri said he would have skipped the party in favor of the game.

Over the years, Dorothy Chialastri has become as much of a fan as her husband, sitting beside him at nearly every game. "It's a family affair," Chialastri said.

Last season, Dorothy Chialastri was thrilled to have standout player Ramon Galloway, '13, autograph a poster.

Fittingly, the poster now hangs in the couple's living room.

(Above) Gus Chialastri, DDS, '44, celebrates his 90th birthday at an Explorer-theme party in March with his wife, Dorothy.

(Left) As a birthday gift, Gus Chialastri received the game ball, signed by the entire La Salle men's basketball team, from the Explorers' win over St. Joseph's University at the Palestra in February.



## Brazina Steps Down as School of Business Dean

Paul Brazina, Dean of La Salle's School of Business since 2005, has stepped down as Dean to return full time to the Accounting Department faculty.



Under his leadership, the School of Business launched several new academic programs, including the Four-Year BS/ MBA program in accounting; the One-Year MBA program; a part-time MBA program offered on-site at Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia; majors in international business and business administration; and a chartered financial analyst track in the Finance Department. He was also instrumental in the creation of the La Salle Center for Entrepreneurship.

"Under his steady hand, the School of Business is poised to enter the next phase of its existence," said La Salle Provost Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83.

A faculty member since 1974, Brazina has taught financial accounting, fraud examination, and auditing.

"My time as dean has given me the opportunity to get a good overview of the trends in higher education. When I return to the classroom, I am better prepared to discuss global business issues, and I am enthusiastic about the use of technology to enhance education," Brazina said.

An expert in the field of fraud and forensic accounting, Brazina is a partner at Rosenfelt, Siegel & Goldberg, CPAs, and at Monahan, Brazina & Associates CPA Review. He has also served as Chief Financial Officer at National Media Corporation, CPC Associates, and DirectAmerica Corp.

Jeannie Welsh, Ph.D., Chair of the Accounting Department, said she's pleased to have Brazina back in the department full time.

"He's very engaging and enjoys working with students," she said.



(Clockwise from top left) Edward M. Waddington, '81, Treasurer; AmyLynn V. Flood, '95, Vice President; Jerry S. Lezynski, '82, Secretary; and Beth Harper Briglia, '80, President.

## Four New Officers Take Helm of Alumni Association

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has appointed new officers for the 2013–15 term. Beth Harper Briglia, '80, is President; AmyLynn V. Flood, '95, is Vice President; Edward M. Waddington, '81, is Treasurer, and Jerry S. Lezynski, '82, is Secretary.

Briglia works at the Chester County Community Foundation as Vice President of Donor Services and Grantmaking. She has served as Chair of the Board of Directors' Signum Fidei and Finley Award Committee, and she also has been a trainer and consultant for La Salle's Nonprofit Center.

Flood is a Partner in Human Resource Services at PwC. She is an active volunteer for the School of Business, participating in the Bankers Day and Executives on Campus programs.

Waddington is Managing Director at Smart Devine. In addition to his service to the Board, he also serves on the La Salle Center for Entrepreneurship Advisory Board.

Lezynski is Managing Director of Marketing and Communications for SEI Investments' SEI Advisor Network. He previously served on the Council of President's Associates and the Communication Department Advisory Board.

## Grimes Event Features Lecture, Honors Alum

La Salle's Psychology Department hosted the 34th annual Grimes Lecture, featuring Sarah D. Pressman, Ph.D. (left), on the topic of "Can Happiness Make Us Healthier? The Influence of Positive Emotions." The event also included the presentation of the Dondero Award to Andrea Fina, Ph.D., '81.

Pressman is an assistant professor of psychology and social behavior at the University of California, Irvine, who studies the connection between social relationships, emotion, and physical health.

Fina, a school psychologist in Lower Merion School District and an adjunct professor in La Salle's Psychology Department, was honored with the Dondero Award for her work with elementary, middle, and high school students and their families, particularly those affected by learning and emotional difficulties and autism.







(From left) Tim Weatherby of Beta Gamma Sigma; Louis Eccleston, MBA '83, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Achievement Award recipient; Susan Borkowski, professor of accounting and adviser to La Salle's Beta Gamma Sigma chapter; and Paul Brazina, former Dean of La Salle's School of Business.

## Eccleston Receives Business Achievement Award

Louis Eccleston, MBA '83, President of S&P Capital IQ and Chairman of the Board for S&P Dow Jones Indices, both McGraw-Hill Companies, has been named one of two recipients of the 2013 Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) Business Achievement Award.

Eccleston has nearly 30 years of business and leadership experience. In his roles with The McGraw-Hill Companies, Eccleston oversees S&P Capital IQ's provisions of multi-asset class data, research, and analytics, working with investors, advisers, and wealth managers across the globe.

Prior to joining S&P in 2008, Eccleston served in various leadership roles, including as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pivot, Inc., and as President of Global Sales, Marketing, and Services for Thomson Financial. He also spent 14 years as a managing director with Bloomberg, L.P., where he built sales and customer service initiatives.

"From his early years working with Michael Bloomberg to build what is now Bloomberg.com, to his current dual positions as Chairman of the S&P Dow Jones Indices and President of S&P Capital IQ, Lou has shaped and left his indelible mark upon the financial trading environment," said Paul Brazina, former Dean of La Salle's School of Business.

With more than 580,000 members, Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society serving business programs that are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A. '09



## NEUROSURGEON HONORED WITH HOLROYD AWARD

For his contributions to neurosurgery, Joseph Queenan, M.D., '87 (above right, with President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70), was honored with the Holroyd Award at a recent event.

Queenan is an attending neurosurgeon at Hahnemann University Hospital, an attending pediatric neurosurgeon at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and an assistant professor of surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine.



Sam Pickard, '13 (left), editor of *The Collegian*, and Tom Curley, '70.

## CURLEY RECEIVES COLLEGIAN AWARD

*The Collegian*, La Salle's student-run newspaper, honored Tom Curley, '70, retired President and CEO of The Associated Press, with its Collegian Award.

Curley is one of the nation's most aggressive advocates for open government. During his career, he also served as President and Publisher of *USA TODAY*.

The Collegian Award, which began in 1949, has been bestowed upon some of the biggest names in media and entertainment, including Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite. The current staff of *The Collegian* reinstated the Collegian Award for 2013 as a way to recognize professional journalists for their work and for the example they set for aspiring journalists.

## [ 15TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S CUP ]



La Salle President Br. Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70 (far left), poses with the winning foursome at the 15th annual President's Cup golf outing, (from left) Kevin Davis, '80, John McCann, '84, Joe McPeak, '84, and John Gray, '79. The outing, in which 160 golfers participated, also included a banquet featuring live and silent auctions, awards, and a raffle, and the event raised more than \$300,000. Since its inception in 1999, the President's Cup has raised more than \$3.8 million for student scholarships and financial aid support.





(From left) Provost Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83; Michael Dillon, J.D., Ph.D., Chair of the Political Science Department; Vincent Kling, Ph.D., '68, professor of German; and President Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70.

## Two Professors Lauded for Service, Scholarship

La Salle recently presented two faculty members with annual awards: Vincent Kling, Ph.D., '68, professor of German, received the Faculty Distinguished Scholarship Award, and Michael Dillon, J.D., Ph.D., Chair of the Political Science Department, received the Faculty Distinguished Service Award.

Dillon joined the La Salle faculty in 1968. In 1985, he earned a law degree and practiced environmental law for more than two decades before returning to the University in 2007. Since then, he has started the Lasallian Forum for Politics and Policy, a high school mock trial tournament, and a Legal Careers Night, and he also reinvigorated the St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society.

Kling has been an active scholar since he joined the full-time faculty in 1980. A recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Kling is known for his impressive scholarly reach and his influence on students as he engages them in research projects and assists them in applying for Fulbright Scholarships.

—Jon Carolis

## [ DRP SPRING EVENTS ]



Hazem Hallak, Ph.D., a Syrian-American medical researcher, and his nephew, Mahmoud Hallak, visited La Salle this spring for a Diplomat in Residence Program (DRP) event, "Syria: A Personal Story." Hazem Hallak's brother, Sakher, who was also Mahmoud Hallak's father, died in prison after being tortured by the Syrian secret police in 2011. Hazem Hallak has since become a human rights activist. (From left) Hazem Hallak, Cornelia Tsakiridou, Ph.D., Director of the Diplomat in Residence Program, Mahmoud Hallak, and Vincent Paul Mowad, a junior business systems and analytics and computer science major.

Kyabje Gelek Rimpoche spoke on the topic, "Violence in America: Can Tibetan Buddhism Help?," at a DRP event this spring. Rimpoche is the founder of Jewel Heart, a Tibetan Buddhist center, and he has taught Buddhist practitioners around the world.

## [ NURSING LECTURE ]



James Harris, DSN, APRN-BC, MBA, CNL, FAAN, Acting Chief Nursing Officer in the Office of Nursing Services for the Department of Veterans Affairs, delivered the 27th annual Distinguished Nursing Lecture in April. Harris spoke about the Joining Forces Initiative, which focuses on employment, education, and wellness for service members and their families and on raising awareness of the service, sacrifice, and needs of military families.

## LA SALLE HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:



- Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation: \$60,000 to provide scholarship assistance for mature women
- City of Philadelphia, Revenue Department: \$50,000 for Economic Forecasting and Research internships for graduate and undergraduate students
- City of Philadelphia, Title V Health Intervention for Families Program: \$285,000 for the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center
- Moses Feldman Family Foundation: \$20,000 for the Writers Matter Program in Israel and the West Bank
- Widener Memorial Foundation: \$40,000 for the La Salle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Education Resource (LADDER) Family Center
- The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust: \$71,000 to provide scholarship assistance for full-time undergraduates





## Marriages

2002 Nicole L. Fuscia (B.A.) to James M. Aros Jr. (B.A. '03).

2003 James M. Aros Jr. (B.A.) to Nicole L. Fuscia (B.A. '02).

2004 Allison L. Walters (M.S.) to Byron J. Roth.

2007 Suzanne S. Guerin (B.A.) to Dallas Herold.

Jaime B. Konieczny (B.A.) to Ilya Plotkin.

Sara M. Leymeister (B.A.) to Michael Siro.

2008 Dana M. Lausterer (MSN) to Bradley G. Lorah.

2009 Brian P. Kern (B.A.) to Breeanne MacAdams (B.A. '10).

2010 Breeanne MacAdams (B.A.) to Brian P. Kern (B.A. '09).

Kevin D. Manieri (MBA) to Victoria A. Hanley.

Stephanie E. Thompson (M.S.) to John P. Kirker.

**1948 ★ REUNION YEAR** Thomas J. Hickey (B.A.) of Philadelphia, has published *Tom Hickey's India, 1946–1946, A Soldier's Diary*, at [www.thejourneyof.net](http://www.thejourneyof.net). The memoir, which recounts Hickey's service during World War II, has been submitted to the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project, along with an audio recording of Hickey telling his story. Hickey served as La Salle's first Alumni Director in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

**1951** Daniel J. Ragone, CPA (B.S.) of Haddonfield, N.J., was awarded the Trustee Award for 2013 by the New Jersey Hospital Association's Healthcare System. He is a member of the Kennedy Health System Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of Kennedy University Hospital.

**1952** Robert J. Maro Sr., M.D. (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is celebrating 60 years of marriage with his wife, Doris.

**1953 ★ REUNION YEAR**

**1955** Thomas J. Gola (B.S.) of Philadelphia, was honored as one of the Inaugural Men's Basketball Legends by the Atlantic 10 Conference at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. The 2013 class includes men's basketball student-athletes and coaches who made an immeasurable impact on each A-10 institution and its basketball program.

John E. Murray Jr., J.D., SJD (B.S.) of Pittsburgh, Pa., was honored by his peers with the Distinguished Lifetime Service Award at the International Conference for Contracts in Dallas, Texas. He served as Chancellor of Duquesne University from 1988 to 2011 and continues to teach a full course load in the Duquesne School of Law.

Harvey Portner (B.A.) of Elkins Park, Pa., is President of the Community Action Development Commission of Montgomery County, Pa.

**1964** James W. Ziccardi, D.O., FACC (B.S.) of North East, Md., spoke at the Marine Corps Marathon Sports Medicine Symposium on the cardiovascular risks of endurance exercise.

**1965** Edward J. Gallagher, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Norton, Mass., published the first English language translation in nearly 70 years of Joseph Bédier's classic work, *The Romance of Tristan and Iseult*. This volume is the only edition that provides ancillary materials to help the reader understand the history of the legend and Bédier's method of creating his classic retelling.

Joseph Karlesky (B.A.) of Lancaster, Pa., is serving as Interim Provost and Dean of Faculty at Franklin and Marshall College.

**1967** The Rev. Robert J. Fritz (B.A.) of North Cape May, N.J., participated in the three-day golden anniversary celebration of his *alma mater*, Camden Catholic High School, located in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**1968** George W. Luther III, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Rehoboth Beach, Del., was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011 and a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union in 2012.

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Nicole Fuscia, '02, married Jim Aros, '03, on Aug. 3, 2012. Several La Salle alums were in attendance, including (from left) matchmakers Marjilyn Pakech, '02, and Gina DeGiovanni, '02, Jim Aros, Nicole Fuscia, Fred Massanova, '00, Maryanne Aros Morrison, '07, and Tom Nanni, '04.



**1969 William D. Bradshaw (B.A.)** of Radnor, Pa., received a 2012 Sports Business Award from Street & Smith's *SportsBusiness Journal* and *SportsBusiness Daily*. He was recognized for excellence and outstanding achievement in the business of sports. He recently retired as Temple University's Athletic Director.

**Edward Mockapetris (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, retired as a recreational therapist from the Department of Psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

**1970 John F.X. Graham (B.S.)** of Livingston, N.J., received an Honorary Doctorate Award from Rabbinical College of America. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates in Verona, N.J.

**1971 Robert J. Miller, Ed.D. (B.S.)** of Elkins Park, Pa., was honored for his contribution to Catholic Church research by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. He is the Director of Planning and Research for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities.

**James M. Paradis, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Abington, Pa., will deliver the keynote address at the United States Colored Troops Graveside Salute at the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa., in November 2013. He has authored two books on African Americans and the Gettysburg campaign, and he is a history instructor at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa.

**1973 James J. Avery Jr., FSA (B.S.)** of Princeton Junction, N.J., retired as Chief Executive Officer of Prudential's Individual Life Insurance division.

**James King Sr. (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, retired from the City of Philadelphia Probation Office. He continues to serve as time-keeper for La Salle men's and women's basketball games.

**1975 David T. Johnson (B.A.)** of Warminster, Pa., is the Executive Director of the Atrium at Navesink Harbor, a senior living community in Red Bank, N.J.

**1976 Estelita DeLeon Abreu (B.S.)** of Stafford, Texas, was elected as Board Director of the Texas Gulf Coast chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. She is an administrator associate with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.



*Brian Kern, '09, and Breeanne MacAdams, '10, were married on July 27, 2012, at Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Feasterville, Pa., with many La Salle classmates and friends in attendance. (Back row, from left) Trey Ulrich, '99, MBA '02, La Salle's Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations, Pat Brett, '08, Matt Burns, '09, Steve Cook, '09, Erin Toal, '10, Laura Pierce, '10, Taylor Reber, '10, Jeremy Zarou, '11, Jill Keenan, '10, Billy Kern, '07, and Dan Kern, '03. (Front row) Brian Kern and Breeanne MacAdams. In attendance but not pictured was Frank Rich, '73.*

**Diane C. Wilmanski (B.A.)** of Atlanta, Ga., is the Compliance Coordinator for the banking component of Bottomline Technologies in Alpharetta, Ga.

**1977 Edward J. Lowitz, EnCE (B.S., MBA '87)** retired as a special agent from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service after 25 years of service and was presented with the Albert Gallatin Award. He has spent the last 20 years as a specialist in computer forensics—CIS.

**Frank J. Melfi III (B.S.)** of Prospect Park, Pa., is President of Rose Mortgage Corp., a national commercial mortgage broker. He is also President of Northeast Construction Ltd., a home improvement contractor.

**Anne Marie Smith, Ph.D. (B.S., MBA '87)** of Mantua, N.J., co-presented a workshop, "Seven Steps to a Successful Enterprise Information Management Program," at the Enterprise Data World 2013 Conference in San Diego, Calif. She is a principal consultant with Alabama Yankee Systems LLC, with more than 25 years of experience in data management.

**Mario S. Tobia (B.S.)** of Mount Laurel, N.J., was recognized with the Most Courageous Athlete Award by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association. He was featured in a Jan. 29, 2013, *Courier-Post* article, "Blind

Golfer 'Feels the Game,'" and is a top player in the U.S. Blind Golf Association and American Blind Golf tournaments.

**1978 Gregg D. Metzinger, MBA (B.S.)** of Marlton, N.J., was promoted to Senior Vice President of Global Recruiting and Staff Augmentation at Hill International.

**1979 Capt. Mark Delowery (Ret.), D.O. (B.A.)** of Gulph Mills, Pa., retired from the U.S. Public Health Service after 20 years of service. He served as medical director for the Federal Occupational Health program, and he received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding leadership and achievements during his tenure.

**John M. Draganescu, M.D., FACP (B.A.)** of Wayne, Pa., was named Top Doctor in Gastroenterology in *Main Line Today*. Peer endorsements, experience, education, training, research, publishing, and awards were factors considered in selecting the award recipients.

**Donald J. Rongione (B.S.)** of Mohnton, Pa., celebrated American Made Matters' 100th member in November 2012. He founded the organization to educate consumers that buying U.S.-made products strengthens the American dream. He is also Chief Executive Office of Bollman Hat Company, America's oldest hat maker.





## Births and Adoptions

**1998** A son, Nolan Joseph, to Jeanette and **Andrew R. Trella, Pharm.D. (B.A.)**.

**2001** A son, Nolan Michael, to Gavin and **Julie A. (Leusner) Hontz (BSN)**.

**2002** A son, Boyd Francis, to R. Stephen and **Kathleen McCauley Anderson (B.S.)**.

**2003** A daughter, Alexis Jade, to Michael and **Melissa A. (DiFeo) Scarry (B.A.)**.

**2005** A daughter, Analiza, to Staci and **William S. Kline (B.A.)**.

A son, Vincent Joseph, to David and **Lisa A. (Young) Pepe (B.A.)**.

**2006** A son, Benjamin Robert, to Thomas and **Kelly E. (Cochlin) Kachelries (B.S.)**.

**2007** A son, Dominic Francis, to Matthew and **Maureen M. (Smith) Niederle (B.A.)**.

**Maryellen T. Kueny, Ed.D. (B.A.)** of Mohnton, Pa., is celebrating 36 years of marriage to **Don Rongione (B.S. '79)**. Two of their sons, Justin, '14, and Steven, '16, are La Salle students and members of the ice hockey team.

**1980 Peter A. Bucci (B.S.)** of Orelan, Pa., was promoted to Senior Vice President for Commercial Real Estate at Valley Green Bank.

**George F. Foley (B.S.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., was named to the Board of Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

**Constance P. Lahoda, Esq. (B.A.)** of Woodbury, N.J., was named Secretary of the Delaware Valley chapter of the Association of Corporate Council. She is the Vice President of Employment Relations at ARAMARK Corp.

**Joseph C. O'Neill Jr. (B.A., MBA '82)** of Hatboro, Pa., was promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operating Officer at Huntingdon Valley Bank.

**1981 Richard J. Donnelly (B.S.)** of Severna Park, Md., is the Chief Executive Officer of the Retina Group of Washington, one of the largest and most highly respected retinal and macular practices in the country.

**Herbert M. Ruetsch, CPA (B.S.)** of Hacketts-town, N.J., is the Chief Executive Officer of Fairway Group Holdings Corp., a food retailing destination in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

**1982 Michael F. Bonner, CPA (B.S.)** of Haddon Heights, N.J., assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer for SP Industries, a manufacturer of specialty equipment and glassware serving pharmaceutical, biotechnology, educational, industrial, and original equipment manufacturer markets.

**Lynn M. Mueller (B.S., MBA '86)** of Philadelphia, was named co-chair of public relations for the Professional Women's Roundtable. She

is the Senior Director of Program Management for Thomson Reuters.

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**Kenneth H. Ryesky, Esq. (MBA)** of East Northport, N.Y., testified at an IRS rulemaking hearing regarding proposed health-care coverage regulations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**F. Kevin Tylus (MBA)** of Princeton, N.J., was named President, Chief Executive

**1983 Brian J. Lynch, Esq. (B.S.)** of Blue Bell, Pa., joined Drinker Biddle & Reath's Corporate and Securities Practice group as a partner. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions. He also counsels corporate clients on Securities and Exchange Commission reporting and compliance, corporate governance, and general corporate and commercial matters.

**Bernadette Prendergast McPherson, Esq. (B.A.)** of Rutherford, N.J., is the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Millennium Strategies, a full-service grant-writing and economic development firm.

**Keith R. Ruck, CPA (B.S., MBA '95)** of Cinnaminson, N.J., was named Senior Director of Private Equity Services at the Pine Hill Group, an operationally focused finance and accounting consultancy and mergers and acquisitions advisory firm.



*Joe Kain, '11, ran Philadelphia's Broad Street Run in May with two objectives: to complete the 10-mile race and to propose to his girlfriend, Pam McDonald, '07, along the way. Wearing a shirt that said, "Pam McDonald Will You Marry Me?," Kain popped the question when he reached the spot where McDonald was watching near Pattison Avenue, and she said yes. The creative proposal was featured in a Philadelphia Inquirer story on the race. "I don't think I'll ever run that fast again in my life," Kain told the Inquirer. "Probably because I had such a good reason to get to the end."*





## In Memoriam: Brother Thomas McPhillips, F.S.C., Ph.D., '72

Brother Thomas McPhillips, F.S.C., Ph.D., '72, a professor of biology at La Salle for nearly 30 years who also served as moderator for the jazz and pep bands, died in his sleep on June 6. He was 63.

Br. Thomas' first teaching assignment was teaching biology at La Salle College High School, also his *alma mater*, in 1972. In 1978–79, he taught at South Hills Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pa.

After earning his Ph.D. in virology from Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, Br. Thomas joined La Salle's Biology Department faculty in 1984. He regularly taught the introductory biology course for science majors. He also taught microbiology, biochemistry, human biology, human genetics, and radiation biology. He would begin classes with, "Good morning, biology fans!"

He also taught a seminar for student teachers preparing to teach secondary school science, and he supervised those students at area high schools during their student-teaching assignments.

"Brother Thomas has been a La Salle star—an excellent teacher and researcher, committed to students as an adviser and friend, and, above all, a man of faith, integrity, and compassion. He will be sorely missed," said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70.

During his first year at La Salle, Br. Thomas became adviser to the jazz and pep bands and immediately began invigorating them and playing the trombone with them at athletic events. "The band is one of my greatest joys. It's being with the students that I love the most," he told La Salle's student newspaper, *The Collegian*.

Br. Thomas was awarded summer study grants from the University to be a research scientist at the University of Maryland, where he studied reoviruses and paramyxoviruses. He also participated in a study that led to the naming of a new genus of viruses, the Aquareoviruses. Br. Thomas was the author of 24 scientific publications.

Br. Thomas is survived by a brother, Clifford, his sister-in-law, Marianne, nieces Shannon and Kara, a nephew, Patrick, and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

—Jon Caroulis

**Kristin Arnold Viscariello, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Morrisville, Pa., is Vice President of Product Development and Technical Services for Norwich Pharmaceuticals.

**1984 Paul C. Jeffers (B.S.)** of Collegeville, Pa., was appointed Senior Vice President/Chief Human Resources Officer for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. He is responsible for defining and implementing human resources strategies and programs that are aligned with the company's culture and values.

**James P. Murphy, DMD (B.A.)** of Doylestown, Pa., has two sons, Jimmy and Terence, who major in biology at La Salle and run on the University's cross country and track and field teams.

**1985 Mark A. Turner (B.S.)** of Coatesville, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Delaware State University to serve a six-year term. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of WSFS Financial Corporation, the parent company of WSFS Bank.

**1986 Charles F. Barbera, M.D. (B.A.)** of Robeson, Pa., was elected to a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation Board of Directors

as a representative of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Reading Hospital.

**Jaculeen A. Dano, M.D. (B.A.)** of Austin, Texas, has a private dermatology practice and is licensed in cosmetic dermatology. She enjoys her family, which includes three sons, William, Robert, and Thomas.

**Adam H. Schechter (B.A.)** of Doylestown, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. He is the Executive Vice President and President for Global Human Health at Merck.

**1988 James J. Julia (B.S., MBA '97)** of Newark, Del., was named President of the Philadelphia Mummer Brigade Association, a nonprofit group that represents the Fancy Brigade Division of the Philadelphia Mummies Parade. He also produces the annual Mummies Fest and Fancy Brigade Finale at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

**Cheryl A. Reeve (B.A., MBA '90)** of Minneapolis, Minn., was inducted into the South Jersey Basketball Hall of Fame at

the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, N.J. She is the head basketball coach for the Minnesota Lynx and was the 2011 WNBA Coach of the Year.

**1993 Timothy G. DeCola (B.S., MBA '97)** of Chadds Ford, Pa., was named Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Levin Management in North Plainfield, N.J. He is responsible for corporate finance and risk management for company-owned and -managed properties as well as for real estate tax and financing reviews.

**Paul T. Murray, ChFC, CDFA, CRC (B.A.)** of North Wales, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors at A Woman's Place in Chalfont, Pa., an organization committed to empowering women and to ending intimate and domestic violence. He is President of PTM Wealth Management, a Five-Star Wealth Management Award winner.

**Theresa Travis (B.S., M.A. '08)** of Philadelphia, was named Associate Vice President of Development at St. Joseph's University. She oversees alumni relations, alumni and development communications and donor relations, development services, and the St. Joseph's Fund.



## An Explorer in Bulgaria



Rob Kirkner, '10, recently completed a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps, teaching English in the remote mountain village of Startsevo, Bulgaria. He taught English to students in first through 10th grades at a local primary school, and he ran after-school programs, including a guitar class and an English poetry class. (The guitars for the class were donated by Kirkner's family and friends, and he brought them back to the village after a Christmas trip home to Phoenixville, Pa.) He also ran an intensive, month-long English course to women in the village. In his spare time, he played chess in cafés, played guitar with friends, went hiking in the mountains, played basketball with local kids, and visited the village's mosque.

Kirkner had always considered joining the Peace Corps after college, but his experiences at La Salle solidified that intention. "I was part of the Project

*Rob Kirkner, '10 (center), poses with the couple in whose home he stayed during the first few months of his Peace Corps assignment in Bulgaria, while he was in language training with other volunteers. During his stay with the couple, he painted a Phillies-theme doghouse for their new dog, which they in turn named Jimmy, after Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins, on Kirkner's suggestion.*

Appalachia service trip for four years, and that experience made me realize the value and necessity of service, as well as the thrill of travel," Kirkner said. "So by the time senior year rolled around, the Peace Corps just seemed like the next, natural step for me. And I don't regret it at all."

Even while he was living on the other side of the world, Kirkner still found ways to stay connected to La Salle by listening to broadcasts of Explorer men's basketball games online from his apartment in Startsevo, often waking up in the wee hours of the morning to hear the games live. "I always feel at home listening to the broadcasts," Kirkner said.

Foundation in Sellersville, Pa., where she is a chaplain intern in the recovery center.

**1994 Judith A. (Crouthamel) Dwyer, M.Div. (M.A.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2012. She is a candidate for ordination under care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and she is pursuing her second unit of clinical pastoral education at the Penn

**1995 Scott D. Kinka (B.A.)** of West Chester, Pa., was named one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 for 2013. He is the Chief Technology Officer and

founding partner of Evolve IP, a cloud services company in Wayne, Pa.

**Molly T. (McCloskey) McBryan (B.A.)** of Havertown, Pa., was named Director of Provider Relations for Our Care Community, an online community connecting care-seekers, caregivers, elder-care experts, and industry professionals to find creative solutions for their elder-care needs.

**1996 Paul E. Minnick (MSN)** of Lewes, Del., was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Beebe Medical Center in Lewes.

**1997 Jeffrey S. Fecher (B.A.)** of Yardley, Pa., was appointed to a five-year term as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Abington School District.

**1998 Michael A. Gizzi (B.S.)** of New Palestine, Ind., joined the certified public accounting firm of Katz, Sapper & Miller LLP as a manager in the Healthcare Resources Group. He contributes to the firm's hospital and physician group consulting initiatives, including strategic planning, operational performance improvement, and health-care reform education.

**Christopher L. Kaiser (MBA)** of Armonk, N.Y., was named Vice President and Business Development Officer for U.S. Bank Institutional Trust and Custody in Danville, Conn.

**2000 The Rev. Eric M. Augenstein (B.A.)** of New Albany, Ind., was named Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He participated in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program for younger pastors in the state of Indiana.

**Jo-Ann Felder-Oliver (B.S.)** of Willow Grove, Pa., was promoted to Demand Manager, Functional Polyolefins, at Arkema Inc., a premier provider of chemicals and materials in the global marketplace.

**Jaime L. Howard (B.A.)** of Milford, Del., assumed the role of Chair of the Greater Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is the Director of Facilities and Capital Projects at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

**Donna M. Massanova, CPA (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, was named co-Chair of the 12th annual Philadelphia affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Pink Tie Ball, to be held in October 2013. She is a partner and employee benefits plans



## In Memoriam

**1943 Nicholas J. Cronin (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 7, 2012.

**1948 John T. Sheehan (B.S.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., on Nov. 5, 2012.

**1949 William J. Dennehy** of Annapolis, Md., on Jan. 29, 2013.

**Cornelius T. Gaffey, Ph.D. (B.S.)** of Oakland, Calif., on Jan. 27, 2013.

**1950 Joseph J.W. Jones (B.S.)** of Westmont, N.J., on Oct. 31, 2012.

**Edward T. O'Brien (B.S.)** of Wilmington, Del., on July 14, 2012.

**1951 James E. Downey Sr. (B.A.)** of Springfield, Pa., on Feb. 23, 2013.

**Joseph V. Friel (B.S.)** of Butler, Pa., on June 19, 2012.

**Edward F. Kane (B.S.)** of Richmond, Va., on Feb. 4, 2013.

**Francis J. Wuest, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Leavenworth, Kan., on Jan. 23, 2012.

**1952 Thomas J. Blessington (B.A.)** of Havertown, Pa., on April 8, 2013.

**Stanley W. Ostapower (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 6, 2012.

**1953 Hon. Joseph T. Doyle (B.S.)** of West Chester, Pa., on Dec. 18, 2012.

**1955 Bernard R. Roy (B.S.)** of Trumbull, Conn., on Oct. 27, 2012.

**1956 Raymond G. Huml Jr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 17, 2012.

**Thomas J. Murphy, CLU (B.A.)** of Ambler, Pa., on Dec. 30, 2012.

**Thomas L. Wynne (B.S.)** of Medford, Ore., on Dec. 5, 2012.

**1957 Charles L. Daley (B.S.)** of Sea Isle City, N.J., on Feb. 1, 2013.

**Brother Alan Flood, F.S.C. (B.A.)** of Lincroft, N.J., on Dec. 8, 2012.

**1958 Harry B. Davis, D.O.,** of Media, Pa., on Dec. 14, 2012.

**Robert C. Feeney (B.S.)** of Wilmington, Del., on Jan. 10, 2013.

**Anthony A. Ferrara Sr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 22, 2012.

**1959 Donald J. Heisler (B.A.)** of Marietta, Ga., on Feb. 19, 2013.

**Henry P. Murphy (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Feb. 14, 2013.

**1960 John R. Paul (B.A.)** of Gladwyne, Pa., on Feb. 4, 2013.

**Felix T. Russo (B.A.)** of West Chester, Pa., on Jan. 16, 2013.

**William D. Simpson (B.A.)** of Orelan, Pa., on Jan. 10, 2013.

**1961 Francis J. Weiss (B.S.)** of Southampton, Pa., on Jan. 30, 2013.

**1962 Francis L. Walker (B.S.)** of North Plainfield, N.J., on Dec. 3, 2012.

**Gerald J. Ziccardi (B.A.)** of Lansdowne, Pa., on March 1, 2012.

**1963 James P. Devlin (B.S.)** of Holland, Pa., on Feb. 24, 2013.

**Thomas H. Haag (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 11, 2012.

**Harry E. Hansen (B.A.)** of Bordentown, N.J., on March 26, 2012.

**Kenneth E. Noble (B.S.)** of Tamaqua, Pa., on Jan. 12, 2013.

**1965 John E. Brady (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 30, 2013.

**Joseph G. Henrich, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 18, 2012.

**John R. Rogowitz (B.A.)** of Palmerton, Pa., on Jan. 25, 2013.

**1966 J. Richard Cahill (B.A.)** of Somerville, N.J., on Jan. 13, 2013.

**John P. McDade (B.S.)** of Cape Coral, Fla., on May 10, 2012.

**1969 Anthony L. Voell (B.S.)** of Hockessin, Del., on April 10, 2013.

**1970 Michael G. Neuschel (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 12, 2013.

**Gavin M. Smith, Ph.D. (B.S.)** of Meadowbrook, Pa., on Sept. 19, 2012.

**1974 Mary M. Frawley (B.A.)** of Lower Gwynedd, Pa., on April 16, 2013.

**Frederick D. Weathers (B.S.)** of Bridgeport, Pa., on Nov. 6, 2012.

**1975 Rita S. Urwitz (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 6, 2013.

**1976 Robert J. Campbell Jr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 7, 2013.

**Anthony J. Colletta (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 19, 2011.

**Robert J. Griffin (B.S.)** of Hazleton, Pa., on Jan. 15, 2013.

**1979 Francis J. Monzo (B.S.)** of Collegeville, Pa., on Feb. 16, 2013.

**1980 Christopher M. Nolan (B.S.)** of Ormond Beach, Fla., on June 10, 2012.

**1982 Joseph M. Rodden (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 3, 2013.

**Marita Markovchik Stango (M.A.)** of Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 24, 2012.

**1983 William D. Aitken (B.A.)** of Churchville, Pa., on Dec. 12, 2012.

**1984 Edward J. Gaughan Jr. (B.A.)** of Newark, N.J., on Dec. 23, 2012.

**1986 Gary J. Gilbert (MBA)** of New Hope, Pa., on Feb. 15, 2013.

**1987 Christopher Besoushko (B.S.)** of Mount Laurel, N.J., on March 26, 2012.

**1988 James R. Hummel (MBA)** of Flower Mound, Texas, on Nov. 20, 2012.

**2000 Thomas A. Sheedy (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 9, 2012.

**2001 Kenneth M. Solomons (MCC)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 11, 2012.

**2002 Renee C. Harper (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 1, 2012.

**2003 Joanna M. (Baldassarre) Galdo (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 15, 2012.

**2008 Linda L. (Teague) Taylor (BSN)** of Glenside, Pa., on July 30, 2012.



## In Memoriam: Robert S. Lyons Jr., '61

Robert S. Lyons Jr., '61, who was La Salle's first Sports Information Director and a longtime Director of the University's News Bureau, died on June 5. He was 73.

Born in Philadelphia, Lyons graduated from Northeast Catholic High School in 1957 and studied in the pre-law program at La Salle, graduating in 1961.

Lyons was the University's Sports Information Director from 1962 to 1969. During his tenure, La Salle's basketball media brochure was honored four times for excellence as the best publication in District II (East) by the United States Basketball Writers Association.

Lyons led the News Bureau and was editor of *La Salle Magazine* from 1969 until 1995, when he left the University to form his own editorial services and public relations firm, RSL Communications.

Well-known in the Philadelphia sports journalism community, Lyons was a sports correspondent for The Associated Press for more than 35 years, and he was the author of two books, *Palestra Pandemonium: A History of the Big 5* and *On Any Given Sunday: A Life of Bert Bell*, and he was the co-author of *The Eagles Encyclopedia* (with Ray Didinger) and *Big Al: Fifty Years of Adventures in Sports Broadcasting* (with Al Meltzer). His articles were published in numerous national publications, including *The Saturday Evening Post* and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

At his *alma mater*, Lyons taught courses in journalism, public relations, and advertising in the Communication Department for many years, and he served on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. For his service



to La Salle, Lyons was honored with the Alumni Association's John J. Finley, '24, Award in 1994.

Lyons is survived by his wife, Joan; five children, Joanne Jenkins, '09, Robert P. Lyons, M.D., '86, Richard Lyons, '90, David Lyons, '96, and Gregory Lyons, '01; and 11 grandchildren.

practice leader for ParenteBeard, an accounting firm providing CPA and business advisory services to small businesses, middle-market companies, nonprofits, and Securities and Exchange Commission registrants.

**2001 Albert Lee (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, was a "star" in the fifth annual Dancing with the Philadelphia Stars, which supports the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. He is the Community and Content Manager at the Independence Visitor Center in Philadelphia.

**2002 Kevin E. Dougherty (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, assumed the role of Assistant Video Director for the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Melissa R. (Lemongelli) Wyatt (B.S.)** of Cheltenham, Pa., was named Director of Communications and Marketing at General Building Contractors Association Inc., an organization that focuses on supporting the building trades.

**Stephen E. Varga, M.D. (B.A.)** of Pasadena, Calif., is a trauma/critical care surgeon at the University of Southern California L.A. County/USC Medical Center. He completed his residency at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and his fellowship at USC.

He is board certified in general surgery and critical care. He is also a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving alongside his wife, **U.S. Air Force Capt. Colleen M. (Davin) Varga, Ph.D. (B.A. '03).**

**2003 Angela D. Giampolo (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, earned a law degree from Temple University School of Law and a degree in Chinese law from Tsinghua University in Beijing. She is Principal of Giampolo Law Group. She was also named one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 for 2013.

**Colleen M. (Davin) Varga, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Pasadena, Calif., is a licensed clinical psychologist, a published research psychologist, and a therapy provider for members of the military. She is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and is married to **U.S. Air Force Maj. Stephen E. Varga, M.D. (B.A. '02).**

**2004 Darren M. Behuniak (B.A.)** of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., was named to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Public Relations Association. He is the Director of Marketing and Communications at Devon International Group, a multinational group of businesses spanning the health-care, information technology, manufacturing, and international trading industries.

**Andrew J. Hughes, Esq. (B.A.)** of Yardley, Pa., received a Doctor of Law from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden.

**Evan W. Lantz (B.A.)** of Milton, Mass., is engaged to **Alessia Kline (B.A. '07).** An August 2013 wedding is planned.

**2005 Richard N. Owens, O.F.M. Cap. (B.S.)** of Washington, D.C., was ordained a deacon in January 2013.

**Sarah E. Punderson (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, was accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program for creative writing at Rutgers University-Camden.

**Mark P. Tierney (MBA)** of Doylestown, Pa., was promoted to Senior Vice President and Director of Business Banking at Firsttrust Bank.

**2006 Friar Nader N. Ata, O.F.M. Conv. (B.A.)** of San Antonio, Texas, professed his solemn vows in September 2011.

**Maria A. DiKun (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, earned a master's degree in English from Arcadia University in 2010 and a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012.



**Marco A. Onorato (B.S.)** of Jenkintown, Pa., appeared on the cover of Wilmington's *The Bucket*, Tech Issue 2013-Q1. He is a senior account executive at IPR International, a data center facility.

**2007 Brandon P. Davidow (B.A.)** of Wood Ridge, N.J., joined WCCB-TV, a Fox affiliate in Charlotte, N.C., as the weekend sports anchor.

**Matthew R. DeLucia (B.A.)** of Lumberton, N.J., returned to the Philadelphia area from Las Vegas, Nev., to be a reporter for NBC10 Philadelphia. While at KVVU, a Fox affiliate in Las Vegas, he earned three Pacific Southwest Emmy awards in the categories of journalistic enterprise, team coverage, and news writing. In 2012, the Associated Press Television and Radio Association named him Reporter of the Year and awarded his story on sudden cardiac arrest in children and teens as Best Serious Feature.

**Stephen L. Snyder (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, is the Director of Client Development for AgileCat, a Center City Philadelphia-based branding agency.

**2008 Anthony L. Bonagura (B.A.)** of Somerdale, N.J., has rejoined the Philadelphia Eagles organization as the Public Relations Coordinator. While a student at La Salle, he

was a football media services intern for the Eagles and a game day press box assistant.

**Paul D. Campanella (B.S.)** of West Hartford, Conn., is the Chief Executive Officer and founder of ValuLeads, a full-service marketing and online advertising agency.

**2009 Maj. Jeffrey McGeary (MBA)** of Philadelphia, was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is assigned to U.S. European Command Headquarters, Army Reserve Element, in Stuttgart, Germany. He is a pharmaceutical sales representative and President of McGeary Associates LLC.

**Christopher W. McNabb (B.A.)** of Collingswood, N.J., received the Society of the Holy Child Jesus Spirit Award, which recognizes individuals who "exemplify the characteristics of service unique to the Holy Child tradition such as faith, justice, action, and compassion, by using their gifts to make a difference in the world." McNabb, Campus Minister at St. Augustine Prep in Richland, N.J., was honored for his work in poverty-stricken areas throughout the world, striving to combat human rights violations, providing shelter to those who are homeless, and educating those who lack access to strong educational options.

**Pamela J. Woodward (B.A.)** of Atlanta, Ga., is engaged to marry **Patrick Terranova (B.A. '11)**.

**2011 Sean M. Donohue (B.S.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., joined Century 21 Alliance's Ridley, Pa., office as a sales associate. He is licensed in Pennsylvania and will handle transactions in Delaware County and the surrounding areas.

**Patrick S. Terranova (B.A.)** of Arnold, Md., is engaged to marry **Pamela Woodward (B.A. '09)**.

**2012 Caitlin M. Honan (B.A.)** of Absecon, N.J., is a full-time staff writer for the Home-town section of the *Press of Atlantic City*.

**Vincent C. Vella (B.A.)** of Kresgeville, Pa., a copy editor for the *Philadelphia Daily News*, won four awards for stories he wrote for the *Pocono Record*, where he is a contributor. He received two Keystone Press Awards, first place in the Online Special Report category and second place in the Series category, and two first-place awards from the Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors for enterprise reporting and investigative reporting. Also, as an intern at the *Denver Post*, Vella was a member of the team reporting on the Aurora, Colo., theater shooting, coverage that earned the newspaper a 2013 Pulitzer Prize in the Breaking News category.

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